This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) An electronic requisition processing method, comprising the steps:

preparing an electronic requisition form including a proposal for a requisition, wherein said proposal requires approval by each of a plurality of approvers;

establishing an electronic list of the approvers for the proposal for the requisition; and

at defined times each time one of at least some of said approvers acts on the proposal, electronically recalculating the list to change the names of the approvers on the list to account for delegation of approval authority by said approvers to other persons by, if one of the approvers has delegated approval authority to another person, substituting the name of said another person for the name of said one of the approvers.

Claim 2   (Cancelled).

3.   (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of recalculating the list includes the step of recalculating the list according to a given set of rules.

4.   (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending the form to the computer station associated with one of the approvers.

5.   (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending notices to the computer stations associated with at least some of the approvers, said notices indicating that the form is available at the server.

6.   (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of,

for each of at least some of the approvers,

giving the approver an associated length of time to act on the proposal for the requisition; and

after the associated length of time, electronically sending to the computer station associated with the approver, a reminder notice to act on the proposal for the requisition.

7.   (Currently Amended) An electronic requisition processing system, comprising:

means for preparing an electronic requisition form including a proposal for a requisition, wherein said proposal requires approval by each of a plurality of approvers;

means for establishing an electronic list of the approvers for the proposal for the requisition; and

means for electronically recalculating the list ~~at defined times~~ each time one of at least some of said approvers acts on the proposal to change the names of the approvers on the list ~~to account for delegation of approval authority by said approvers to other persons~~ by, if one of the approvers has delegated approval authority to another person, substituting the name of said another person for the name of said one of the approvers..

Claim 8   (Cancelled).

9.   (Original) A system according to Claim 7, wherein the means for recalculating the list includes means for recalculating the list according to a given set of rules.

10.   (Original) A system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a plurality of computer stations, each of the approvers being associated with one of the computer stations; and

an application server; and wherein:

the means for preparing the electronic requisition form electronically sends the form to the application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending the form to the computer station associated with one of the approvers.

11.   (Original) A system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a plurality of computer stations, wherein each of the approvers is associated with one of the computer stations; and

an application server; and wherein:

the means for preparing the electronic requisition form electronically sends the form to the application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sends notices to the computer stations associated with at least some of the approvers, said notices indicating that the form is available at the server.

12.   (Original) A system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a plurality of computer stations, wherein each of the approvers is associated with one of the computer stations; and

an application server, wherein for each of at least some of the approvers, the application server gives the approver an associated length of time to act on the proposal for the requisition; and

after the associated length of time, electronically sends to the computer station associated with the approver, a reminder notice to act on the proposal for the requisition.

13.   (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for electronically processing a requisition form, said method steps comprising:

preparing an electronic requisition form including a proposal for a requisition, wherein said proposal requires approval by each of a plurality of approvers;

establishing an electronic list of the approvers for the proposal for the requisition; and

at defined times each time one of at least some of said approvers acts on the proposal, electronically recalculating the list to change the names of the approvers on the list to account for delegation of approval authority by said approvers to other persons by, if one of the approvers has delegated approval authority to another person, substituting the name of said another person for the name of said one of the approvers.

Claim 14   (Cancelled).

15.   (Original) A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein the step of recalculating the list includes the step of recalculating the list according to a given set of rules.

16.   (Original) A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending the form to the computer station associated with one of the approvers.

17.   (Original) A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending notices to the computer stations associated with at least some of the approvers, said notices indicating that the form is available at the server.

18.   (Original) A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of,

for each of at least some of the approvers,

giving the approver an associated length of time to act on the proposal for the requisition; and

after the associated length of time, electronically sending to the computer station associated with the approver, a reminder notice to act on the proposal for the requisition.

19.   (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein:

said proposal requires approval by each of the plurality of approvers in sequence;

when one of the approvers approves the proposal, the act of said one of the approvers approving the proposal causes notification of the proposal to be sent to another of the approvers;

the proposal includes prices and costs;

a first approver is in a first country having a first currency, and a second approver is in a second country having a second currency;

the method comprises the further steps of:

presenting the prices and costs to the first approver in the first currency;

sending the proposal from the first approver to the second approver, including the step of automatically converting said prices and costs to the second currency; and

presenting the prices and costs to the second approver in the second currency.

20.   (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of recalculating the list of the approvers includes the steps of:

one of the approvers delegating approval authority at a first time to a delegate;

changing the name of the approver on said list from said one of the approvers to said delegate;

said one of the approvers resuming approval authority at a later time; and

pulling the name of said one of the approvers back onto the list at said later time.

21.   (New) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the recalculating includes the steps of, each time one of the approvers acts on the proposal, then for each of the approvers who have not yet acted on the proposal, determining if said each approver has delegated approval authority to another person, and comprising the further steps of:

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some of the approvers editing properties of requisition;

a user canceling the requisition; and

in response to said canceling, sending an email to all of the approvers informing said all of the approvers that the requisition has been cancelled.